

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 8 and 26 are amended. Various amendments are made for clarity and are unrelated to issues of patentability.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and/or (3) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. More specifically, the above amendments to independent claims 1 and 26 are consistent with independent claim 8 so as to reduce the number of issues by having similar subject matter. Thus, no new issues are raised. Entry is thus proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

The Office Action objects to claim 2 because of informalities. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments obviate the grounds for objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 8-10, 14-17, 23, 24 and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by newly-cited U.S. Patent 6,069,648 to Suso et al. (hereafter Suso). The Office Action also rejects claims 1-2, 4, 6, 25-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by U.S. Patent 6,690,417 to Yoshida et al. (hereafter Yoshida). Still further, the Office Action rejects claims 7 and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Suso in view of U.S. Patent 7,076,271 to Ban et al. (hereafter Ban). Finally, the Office Action rejects claims 18-22 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Suso in view of U.S. Patent 6,965,413 to Wada. The rejections are respectfully traversed with respect to the pending claims.

Independent claim 1 recites a main body having a plurality of buttons formed on a front surface, and a folder foldably connected to the main body and having a display formed thereon, the folder being foldably connected to allow an open state and a closed state, and wherein in the closed state the folder covers at least one of the plurality of buttons. Independent claim 1 also recites a camera module mounted within a rear surface of the main body and at an upper portion of a rear surface of the main body for imaging a target. Still further, independent claim 1 also recites that the camera module is mounted such that a viewing direction of the display and an imaging direction of the camera module are substantially parallel when the folder is in an opened state.

The applied references do not teach or suggest at least these features of independent claim 1. More specifically, Yoshida does not teach or suggest that the folder is foldably connected to allow an open state and a closed state and wherein in the closed state the folder covers at least one of the plurality of buttons. For example, Yoshida's FIG. 2 clearly does not suggest that in the closed state the folder covers at least one of the plurality of buttons. Similar features were recited in independent claim 8, which was not rejected based on Yoshida.

Suso's FIGs. 1a-1c disclose an upper case 1, a lower case 2 and a housing member 8. A thin video camera is mounted in the housing member 8. A hole is opened in the housing member 8 and the camera lens 9 is attached to the hole part. See col. 2, line 48-col. 3, line 11. Accordingly, Suso does not teach or suggest that the camera is mounted within a rear surface of the main body and at an upper portion of the rear surface. Rather, Suso clearly discloses that the camera lens 9 is provided within the housing member 8 which is provided between the upper

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case 1 and the lower case 2. Suso very clearly describes that the camera lens 9 is not within the upper or lower cases 1, 2. See Suso's FIG. 2.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Yoshida and Suso, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest all the features of independent claim 1. The other applied references do not teach or suggest the features of independent claim 1 missing from Yoshida/Suso. Thus, independent claim 1 defines patentable subject matter.

Independent claim 8 recites a first terminal portion including a plurality of buttons, a second terminal portion foldably connected along a folding axis to the first terminal portion to allow an open configuration and a closed configuration, wherein in the closed configuration the second terminal portion covers at least some of the plurality of buttons. Still further, independent claim 8 also recites a display on the second terminal portion and a camera mounted within the first terminal portion such that a display viewing direction is substantially parallel to a camera imaging direction when the second terminal portion is in the opened configuration relative to the first terminal position.

For at least similar reasons as set forth above, the applied references do not or suggest all the features of independent claim 8. More specifically, Yoshida does not teach or suggest that in the closed configuration the second terminal portion covers at least some of the plurality of buttons. Suso also does not teach or suggest a camera module mounted within the first terminal portion. Thus, independent claim 8 defines patentable subject matter.

Independent claim 26 recites a first body having a plurality of keys on a first surface of the first body, and a second body coupled to the first body and moveable between an opened

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position and a closed position, the second body having a display, wherein in the closed position, the second body covers at least one of the keys on the first surface of the first body. Independent claim 26 also recites a camera module within a second surface of the first body opposite from the first surface, wherein when the second body is in the opened position relative to the first body, a viewing direction of the display is substantially parallel with an imaging direction of the camera module.

For at least similar reasons as set forth above, the applied references do not or suggest all the features of independent claim 25. More specifically, Yoshida does not teach or suggest that in the closed position, the second body covers at least one of the keys on the first surface of the first body. Suso also does not teach or suggest a camera module within a second surface of the first body. Thus, independent claim 25 defines patentable subject matter.

Accordingly, each of independent claims 1, 8 and 25 defines patentable subject matter. Each of the dependent claims depends from one of the independent claims and therefore defines patentable subject matter at least for this reason. In addition, the dependent claims recite features that further and independently distinguish over the applied references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-32 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

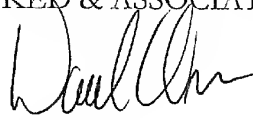
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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